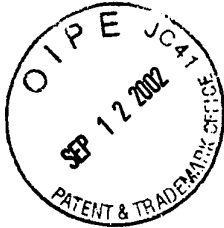


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CROSS REFERENCE TO CO-PENDING APPLICATIONS

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This application is related to commonly assigned and co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/304,906, filed May 4, 1999, and entitled "Video Server"; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/304,907, filed May 4, 1999, and entitled "Video on Demand Transaction Gateway"; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/400,647, filed September 21, 1999, and entitled "A Web Based Video on Demand Administration Application", all of which are incorporated by reference.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. **Field of the Invention:** The present invention generally relates to digital data transmission of video information and more particularly to the delivery of user selected video information to subscribing users.
2. **Description of the Prior Art:** The mass distribution of video programming signals (i.e., television) was originally accomplished primarily by the broadcasting of a very high frequency